

REMARKS

Title of Invention

The title of the invention has been amended to be --Catheter Systems and Associated Methods which Utilize Reduced Length Inner Conduit--.

Claims 1-27

Claims 1-27 were canceled.

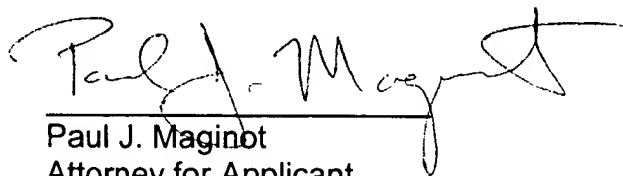
Added Claims 28-52

Claims 28-52 have been added. Such claims recite novel and nonobvious limitations. Accordingly, claims 28-52 are believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Conclusion

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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